

Cairns Lutheran Parish

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Trinity Lutheran Church

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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MISSION: To maintain a beacon of hope for Christ. TASK: Invite someone to join us in our worship.

<u>Prayers</u>

- Trinity and Our Saviour congregations as they faithfully continue services to hear God's word and equip members to share the Lord's mission in Far North Queensland
- To those who are unable to attend services and share in Christian fellowship with their congregations
- For Lauri, Eddie, Merry Weidner, Pastor Aldal and all those caring and supporting them.
- ↓ For Maria and Andrew Schelberg and for those supporting them.

UPCOMING EVENTS (NOV - DEC 2024)

November 3rd – LCA General Synod Report.

November 6th – Funeral for Rita Bitmanis at Trinity Lutheran Church at 10:00am.

November 11th – Church Council Meeting.

November 17th – Parish and Congregational Meeting.

November 29th – Last Day of School at Peace Lutheran College.

Ways of Giving:

- 1. Offering plate during service
- 2. Regular Electronic Giving (REG) with LLL visit the <u>LCA website</u> or complete the forms available on the front table at Church
- 3. <u>Home | LCA Donations & Payments</u> To donate, click on Parishes & congregations.
- 4. Deposits into the Trinity's NAB Account -
 - National Australia Bank BSB 084472 A/C 508664430

Alternative ways to attend Sunday Services

- Radio 89.1 FM Sundays at 9:00am and 92.3 FM Sundays a service recorded by Pastor Greg is broadcast. Access this at the same time on *Cairns FM 89.1 or 92.3FM* on your devices.
- View@Home Lutheran Media Livestreaming

Worship online live or during the week at:

<u>St Michael's Lutheran Church, Hahndorf, South Australia</u> Streamed live at 9:30am (Aust CST) each week

<u>Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Toowoomba, Queensland</u> Streamed live at 9am Queensland time every Sunday.

Or go to <u>www.livestream.com/luthworship</u> and click the location.

Containers for Change



Our code is: C10162743

Directory:

If you would like to be included in the next Trinity directory Forms are available for completion on the table at the entrance to the church. Sixteen forms have been received to date.

PNG Missionary request:

Pastor Andrew Ronnevik is an ELCA missionary in a Lutheran seminary in PNG, and he is considering a family holiday in Australia (probably Cairns) after Christmas.

He has written to ask if there is a family in the Cairns congregation whose house would be available during that time. They are a family of 4 (my wife and me, two young children), and are hoping to be on holiday for about 2 weeks. Their dates are somewhat flexible, but are looking at around 29 Dec - 12 Jan.

If you think that you may be able to support please contact Pastor David.

Confirmation Classes:

Following several recent enquiries about confirmation and further discussion it seems that January will be suitable for the majority.

Therefore we kindly ask anyone interested in having young people confirmed contact Pastor David by 15th December either personally, by email (<u>david.spanagel@lca.org.au</u>), or by a written note at church on Sunday with their name and contact details.

Pastor David will then work with those families (and Pastor Adam Eime) for a week in January with a view to having a Confirmation service before school commences in 2025.

Request for Volunteers:

Please prayerfully consider providing support to the congregation as our Safe Church and WHS co-ordinator.

We are running low on Ushers. If you can support even for a limited period, please see Andrew Schelberg.

LCAQD Synod is programmed to take place at Peace Lutheran College from 30th May to 01 June 2025. LCAQD have forwarded a list of volunteer roles for anyone interested. I appreciate that the event is still a long way off and I will bring it to your attention in the New year.

Pastoral Assistants:

Pastor David and the Pastoral Assistants met on 21 October and have agreed in future to meet on a quarterly and 'as required' basis.

ROSTERS:

Please arrange a swap if you cannot help on your allocated day.

| | November 3 rd Trinity | November 10 th Peace College | November 17 th 0900 Trinity | November 24 th Peace College |
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| Lay Reader | Peter Schmidt/ Pastor Aldal HC | | Rod Krenske | |
| Lesson Reader | Bernie Mackenzie | | Andrew Schelberg | |
| Ushers | M Fraser | | P&P Schmidt | |
| Powerpoint | As Per Roster | | As Per Roster | |
| Church Cleaning | | | Jenny Henselheit & Cathy O'Dea | |
| Morning Tea | Team 4 | | Team 1 | |
| Mowing | B. Weidner / R. Krenske | B. Weidner/ R. Krenske | B. Weidner/ R. Krenske | B. Weidner/ R. Krenske |

| | December 1 st Trinity | December 08 th Trinity | December 15 th Trinity | December 22 nd Trinity |
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| Lay Reader | Martin Klink / Pastor Aldal (HC) | Peter Schmidt | Rod Krenske | Martin Klink/ Pastor David (HC) |
| Lesson Reader | ТВА | TBA | ТВА | TBA |
| Ushers | P&P Schmidt | A&M Schelberg | A&M Schelberg | R&E Krenske |
| Powerpoint | As Per Roster | As Per Roster | As Per Roster | As Per Roster |
| Church Cleaning | Raelene Ricketts | | P&P Schmidt | |
| Morning Tea | Team 2 | Team 3 | Team 4 | Team 1 |
| Mowing | R. Lehmann / A. Schelberg | R. Lehmann / A. Schelberg | R. Lehmann / A. Schelberg | R. Lehmann / A. Schelberg |

Calendar – Christmas Services

| December Tue 24 th | 6:00pm | Christmas Eve Service | Trinity |
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| Wed 25 th | 8:00am | Christmas Day Service | Trinity |
| Sun 29 th | 8:00am 4:00pm | Service with Holy Communion Service of the Word | Trinity Our Saviour |

Parish Meeting – Sunday 17 November 2024

Our next Parish and congregational meeting will be held on Sunday 17 November on conclusion of the Service. The Service will be held at 0900 that day to enable attendees from the Atherton congregation to make the journey down the range. A copy of the agenda will be forwarded by email.

As we look to our programme for next year the Church council and PA's kindly ask you to reflect on the shared school term service programme with Peace Lutheran College over the last year and prayerfully consider a 09:00am Service start time for Trinity Lutheran Church in 2025.

Key Holders

Please be advised that the following people hold keys to the church, should access to the building be required for example to carry out cleaning.

Michael Fraser Rod Krenske Richard Lehmann Grace Pullar Andrew Schelberg Bernie Weidner

<u>A Reformation message: passing on what we have received</u> (from LCA dated 29 Oct 2024)

At the heart of our Reformation witness is the call to 'pass it on'. In his first letter to the Corinthians, St Paul begins his focus in chapter 15 verse 3 with the words, 'For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received ...'.

What are we handing on as, on 31 October, we annually look beyond the ever-increasing commercialism of Halloween to the Christian commemoration of the Reformation? In those words, from 1st Corinthians 15, we pass on 'what is of first importance'.

St Paul explains what this is: 'that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.' We call this message the gospel. This is the good news story of what God has done for us out of love for us and for the world.

Celebrating the festival of the Reformation is making a public witness to the gospel. Being a 'Lutheran' Christian is all about keeping our focus on this matter of 'first importance' that we have learned from the Scriptures: God has come to us in Jesus Christ, to bring life, salvation and the forgiveness of sin.

'For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no-one may boast' (Ephesians 2:8,9).

We pray:

Almighty and eternal God, in mercy you have restored to your church the pure light of your gospel. Keep us in sound teaching, so that we may firmly believe and faithfully follow your saving word, and finally, with its holy comfort, die in peace and joy. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pastor Paul Smith, Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand